



# Live the Gospel of *Life*

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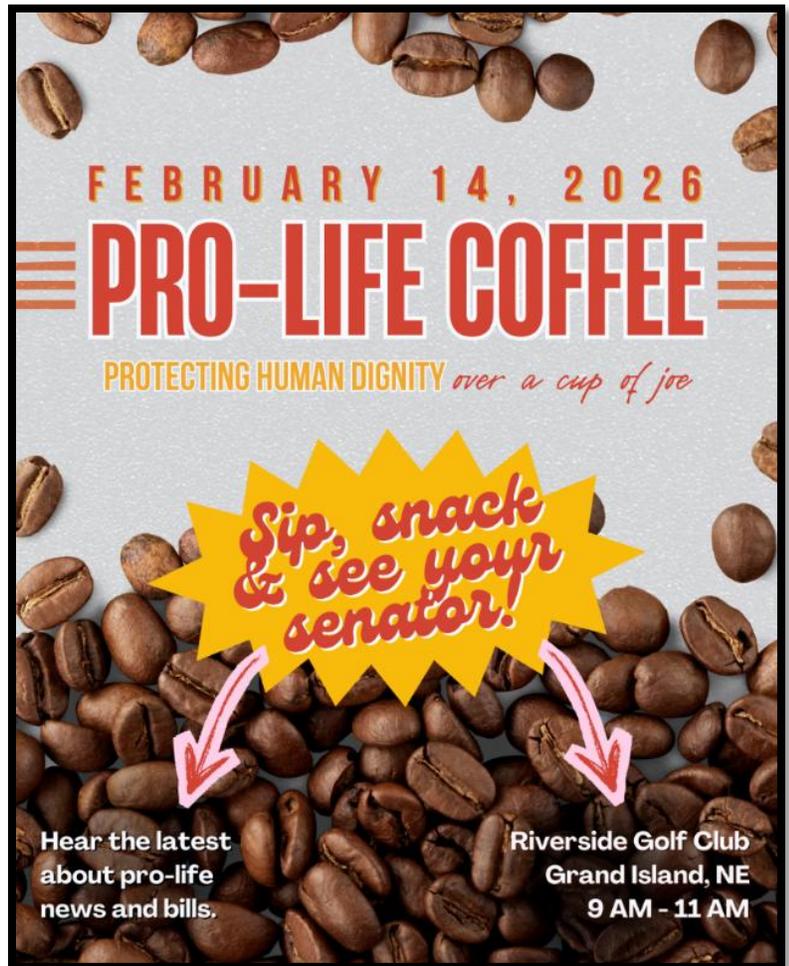
February 11, 2026

## Pro-Life Office

### - Governor Pillen Headlines 7th Annual Pro-Life Coffee

On Saturday, February 14, local and statewide Pro-Life groups will host hundreds of constituents, Governor Jim Pillen and area State Senators for a morning program to address vital Pro-Life legislation in Nebraska. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Pro-Life Coffee will take place on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. at the Riverside Golf Club. This event is free and open to the public.

Area Senators attending will be Dan Quick (Grand Island), Dan Lonowski (Hastings), Dave Murman (Glenvil), Fred Meyer, St. Paul, and Loren Lippincott (Central City). Human Dignity bills in the current session of the Nebraska Legislature will be discussed: LB213-Develop standards for teaching basic human development in high schools; LB512-Require abortion facilities to screen for ectopic pregnancies and set-up follow-up appointments; and LB632-Forbid abortion facilities from treating the bodies of unborn children as medical waste.



The Riverside Golf Club is located at 2820 Riverside Drive in Grand Island.

The Pro-Life Coffee is sponsored by local and statewide Pro-Life organizations including the Diocese of Grand Island, Grand Island Right to Life, Nebraska Catholic Conference, Nebraska Family Alliance, UNK Students for Life, Shoot 4 Life, Nebraska Right to Life and South-Central Nebraska Right to Life.

Please register here: [www.gidiocese.org/pro-life](http://www.gidiocese.org/pro-life).

Please help us publicize the event. Here are all the resources:

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## -“BE HEALED” Study at St Cecilia’s, Hastings

Do you suffer from spiritual or emotional wounds that are keeping you from reaching that goal? You are invited to attend a prayerful read and six-week study of **BE HEALED** at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church 301 W 7th Street, Hastings, in Centennial Hall on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 26, 2026. The study continues for a total of six weeks until April 9.

If interested in participating or if questions, contact Saint Cecilia parish office (402-463-1336).

## Nebraska Catholic Conference



[Register Here](#)

Help us shape culture and law on this day of advocacy for life, faith, and the common good. Join us for the 12th Annual Catholics at the Capitol on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in downtown Lincoln. This is your chance to bear the light of Christ in the public square with like-minded believers, learning how to advocate effectively for policies that protect life, uphold family values, and promote policies for the good of all people.

With neighbors from your district, Archbishop McGovern (Archdiocese of Omaha) and Bishop Hanefeldt (Diocese of Grand Island), State Auditor Mike Foley, State Senators, statewide elected officials, and the NCC staff, you’ll learn about the pressing issues before the legislature. You’ll be equipped with the knowledge and tools to enact change on these issues, on March 4th and beyond.

### What to Expect:

- 8:00 - 8:20 AM: Check-in, Networking, Coffee & Donuts
- 8:30 - 8:50 AM: Opening Prayer and Remarks from State Auditor Mike Folley
- 8:50 - 9:30 AM: "Ethics in Tech & Social Media" with Bishop Hanefeldt, Attorney General Mike Hilgers, and State Senators
- 9:40 - 10:20 AM: "Freedom In Education" with Governor Jim Pillen, Tom Venzor, and School Choice Advocates
- 10:20 - 10:45 AM: Break and District Table Discussions
- 10:45 - 11:45 AM: "Protecting Unborn Life & Human Dignity" with State Senators and Marion Miner
- 11:45 - 12:45 PM: Lunch and Prep for Capitol Visit
- 1:00 - 1:30 PM: Senator Meetings (State Capitol, Senator Offices)
- 1:30 - 2:00 PM: Watch Legislative Debate (State Capitol, Balcony)
- 2:00 - 2:45 PM: Closing Mass & Closing Remarks (St. Mary Sanctuary)

Tickets are \$15, including breakfast, lunch, and refreshments.

Attire: Wear RED to show our Catholic unity! Be sure to bring comfortable walking shoes and warm layers for the short walk from St. Mary's Church to the Capitol.

Parking: Nearby parking garages include Cornhusker Square Garage (1220 L St.) and Carriage Park Garage (1128 L St.), with rates of \$1.25 per hour.

As Catholics, we are called to engage in politics as faithful citizens. We work to promote the dignity of every human person, from conception to natural death, without compromising the truths of our faith. During this event, we may engage with officials and stakeholders who don't share these same convictions as we work to bring about the good of all people. Let the example of the Saints embolden us to step forward in courage, charity, and unwavering conviction.

Seats are limited. Register by Friday, February 27.

For questions, contact us at 402.477.7517, or email Megan at [mkruse@necatholic.org](mailto:mkruse@necatholic.org).

Can you please help us promote this special event? Here is the link for the promotional resources for your parishes and schools:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kx-9jQLjal97xXzGujtwgIDa0f0a6z9F?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kx-9jQLjal97xXzGujtwgIDa0f0a6z9F?usp=drive_link)

**-Op-ed, by Marion Miner, February 10, 2026**

***“Legislature wasted chance to help women being trafficked or abused”***

*Last week the Nebraska Legislature wasted a rare opportunity — LB669 — to help women escape sex trafficking and domestic violence. It fell just two votes short of the 33 needed to overcome a filibuster. 31 senators voted to end the filibuster and advance LB669, 15 voted against, and three senators, including Sen. Dan Quick, chose to be “present not voting” at decision time.*



Marion Miner

*It's important for Nebraskans to understand this bill. It will be back, possibly next year.*

*LB669 was very simple. It would have required abortion facilities to do three new things, “in a place and manner that ensures the privacy of the pregnant woman,” before proceeding to perform an abortion in non-medical emergency situations: (1) Ask her if she is being abused or trafficked; (2) Give her the phone numbers for the domestic violence and human trafficking hotlines; and (3) Offer her an opportunity to make a confidential phone call, if she wishes to make one.*

*LB669 “targeted” abortion facilities with these requirements because multiple studies show: (1) Medical professionals are some of the only people with an opportunity to speak alone with a woman who is being abused or trafficked; and (2) Other than the emergency room, Planned Parenthood and similar clinics are the No. 1 facility a trafficked woman will visit or be taken to.*

*This is also common sense. Trafficked women are controlled by their traffickers; they are isolated from friends and family, often without a cellphone. A trafficker treats her simply as a source of income. When she gets pregnant, that's an interruption of the trafficker's income stream. An abortion facility is the first place he will take her — sometimes against her will — to make her “unpregnant” and get her back on the street making money.*

*Opponents of LB669, and those who stood on the sidelines, offered weak reasoning for their failure to support trafficked and abused women.*

*First, opponents offered an “it doesn't make all trafficking disappear immediately” defense. They argued that because LB669 doesn't address “upstream” causes of trafficking or coercion, it's a waste of time. I think Sen. Tanya Storer's response was perfect: “If I'm drowning, I don't care if you're upstream or downstream — just pull me out of the water.”*

*Every year there are bills proposed to address human trafficking (including mandatory training to recognize signs of trafficking and enacting harsher punishments for traffickers). Many have become law. LB669 was a rare opportunity to do something new: help women who are being trafficked right now. These chances are few and precious.*

*Opponents offered another argument: if a trafficked woman “is required to fill out a report,” she won’t go through with it, so her trafficking will go unreported. This is an even weaker defense. Nebraska law has required since 2010 that before an abortion, a woman must be given certain information, such as possible medical complications of abortion and even information about available financial help. This same law (passed 16 years ago) requires that she sign an acknowledgment that she has been given this information. LB669 would have added a few lines to this acknowledgment form saying that she has been asked whether she is a victim of abuse or trafficking and has been offered a chance to make a confidential phone call if she wants to. It’s a way of making sure she has actually been given the information the law requires. LB669 did not require her to fill out some new report. This argument is a smokescreen.*

*Opponents also said they weren’t comfortable with a possible future amendment to the bill that would have required this information be given to women in more places than abortion clinics. But this is a nondefense; such an amendment was never up for a vote. Senators voted straight up-or-down (or decided to sit out the vote) on the bill as proposed, which applied only to abortion clinics.*

*I don’t know the real reasons 18 senators decided to vote “no” or sit out the fight to help trafficked women. I do hope they’ll find it within themselves to vote “yes” at their next opportunity — a year after the bill should have already been law, helping pregnant women escape trafficking and abuse.*

## [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops](#)

### **-National Prayer Vigil for Life-Recap**

On January 22, thousands gathered in Washington, D.C., at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life, on the National Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

[Watch the recap video](#) and [listen to Bishop Conley's homily here!](#)

### **-Word of Life**

This month, we're praying for married couples to generously live out their vocation with openness to the gift of new life. The monthly prayer guides for [Respect Life Prayer and Action](#) are available as shareable webpages in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Downloadable versions of the prayer guide and prayer intention graphic are also available in [English and Spanish](#).

## [Walking With Moms in Need](#)

### **-Newsletter**

Check out the most recent newsletter here: [Walking with Moms Newsletter: January 2026](#)

## [Pro-Life Calendar](#)

Feb 14	Pro-Life Coffee, Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island (9:00) <a href="https://gidiocese.org/pro-life">https://gidiocese.org/pro-life</a>
Mar 4	Catholics at the Capitol, Lincoln (8:30) <a href="https://necatholic.org/">https://necatholic.org/</a>
Mar 10-18	St. Joseph Adoption Novena <a href="#">St. Joseph Adoption Novena   Respect Life</a>
Mar 25	Solemnity of the Annunciation. <b>USCCB Action Guide</b> <a href="https://www.respectlife.org/">https://www.respectlife.org/</a>
Apr 12	Sunday of Divine Mercy. <b>USCCB Action Guide</b> <a href="https://www.respectlife.org/">https://www.respectlife.org/</a>
May 10	Mother’s Day. <b>USCCB Action Guide</b> <a href="https://www.respectlife.org/">https://www.respectlife.org/</a>